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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

The applicants would like to make the Examiner aware of the following applications that are being pursued by the assignee of the present application:

Application No.	Date Filed	Title
10/479,010	03/13/02	Decorative Light Strings and Repair Device
10/355,911	01/31/03	Decorative Light String
10/346,355	01/17/03	Repair Device For Decorative Light Shunt – Allowed – Issue Fee Paid
10/703/858	11/06/03	Repair Device For Decorative Light Shunt
60/534,599	01/06/04	Decorative Sheeting With Illuminated Sources

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Applications Serial Nos. 10/479,010, 10/355,911, 10/703,858 and 60/534,599 are enclosed.

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